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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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WITH A COUPLER, PRESSURE RELEASING ADAPTER,
AND PRESSURE RELEASING METHOD

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C.
371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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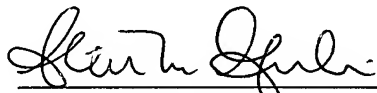
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Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" dated April 18, 2006, Applicants note that a copy of, *inter alia*, the executed Declaration was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 18, 2006, accompanied by the appropriate late Declaration surcharge of \$130.00, as evidenced by the attached copy of the PTO date-stamped filing receipt therefor.

If any additional fees are required, please charge the same (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/02/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/02/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/02/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/02/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/02/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/02/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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PAPERS FILED ENTITLED:

1. Supplemental Preliminary Amendment
2. Late Submission of Executed Declaration (in duplicate)
3. Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
4. Check No. 296692 in the amount of \$130.00
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5. Form PTO-1595
6. Assignment to Bridgestone Corporation
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